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Rep. Fossella Strips Pollution Provision from Gas Price Relief Bill

Bill Targets Price Gouging In Latest Effort to Reduce Gas Prices



Congressman Vito Fossella (R-NY13) today announced an agreement he helped reach late last night to strip language from a gas price relief bill that would have increased dirty emission and air pollution in New York City. The legislation, the Gasoline for America's Security Act (H.R. 3893), passed the House this afternoon minus the provision.

Fossella said the legislation would help reduce gasoline prices by authorizing the Federal Trade Commission to enforce price gouging laws in the wake of natural disasters and raises fines on those who engage in price gouging. The bill also increases refining capacity, addresses the concentration of refineries in the vulnerable Gulf region and reduces the number of "boutique fuels" nationwide from 17 to 6 to allow greater fuel flexibility and transferability.

Fossella said, "The provisions I removed would have increased pollution in New York and compromised the quality of our air. New York already suffers from pollution generated in the Midwest and South, and these provisions would have opened the door for the release of additional emissions. Motorists are paying too much for gas right now, and this legislation will provide both short- and long-term relief. It addresses issues of price gouging, supply, refining capacity and regulatory barriers that drive up prices. It is critical that we bring relief to consumers and allow the American people to save more of their money."



Fossella discusses efforts to reduce gas prices earlier this summer with Brooklyn residents.